

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

*(Re-notification)*

**FOR**

**Discharge Permit**

**for**

**City of Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, Palo Alto, CA**

The City of Palo Alto has filed an application for reissuance of its permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The Regional Water Board's staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger, containing limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

The City of Palo Alto owns and operates the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant (Plant). The Plant is located at 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California. The Plant provides tertiary treatment of wastewater collected from the cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, and Mountain View; the East Palo Sanitary District; and the unincorporated area of the Stanford University campus. The service area population is approximately 228,500. The Plant has an average dry weather flow design capacity of 39 MGD with full tertiary treatment, and a peak wet weather flow capacity of 80 MGD with full secondary treatment. Approximately 95% of the treated wastewater is discharged via an unnamed channel to South San Francisco Bay; about 5% is discharged to Matadero Creek via Renzel Marsh Pond, part of a habitat restoration project.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., **April 8, 2009**  
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building  
1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California

The hearing date was previously publicly noticed for March 11, 2009. Other information in the previous public notice for this matter, advertised on January 9, 2009 on Palo Alto Weekly, still applies; however, the written comment deadline had been extended to February 13, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Regional Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Regional Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The application, tentative permit and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit is also available at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.shtml). The revised tentative permit, comments received, a response to comments and any additional information will be posted at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board\\_info/agenda.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.shtml) one week prior to the hearing. Contact Tong Yin at (510) 622-2418 or by e-mail at [TYin@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:TYin@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions on this matter.